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1. AS INDICATED IN RECENT SEPTELS, WE BELIEVE THAT,
DURING THE PRE-ELECTORAL PERIOD IN SPAIN, WE SHOULD CON-
TINUE PRIMARILY TO MOVE ALONG THE BILATERAL SPANISH-US
TRACK IN INVOLVING SPAIN IN THE NATO CODIFICATION
SYSTEM. THE FACT THAT SPAIN WOULD THEN ALREADY BE PARTI-
CIPATING IN A NATO SYSTEM, ALBEIT THROUGH A BILATERAL
ARRANGEMENT WITH THE US, WILL BE A STEP FORWARD.

2. ONCE THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER, AND IF SPAIN APPEARS
MOVING ASSUREDLY ALONG THE PATH TOWARD ACCESSION TO NATO,
WE BELIEVE THESE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE FURTHER DEVELOPED
IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ALLIES. WE SUGGEST THAT
WASHINGTON, EMBASSY MADRID AND WE CLOSELY MONITOR THE
SITUATION WITH A VIEW TO CHOOSING A PROPITIOUS MOMENT FOR
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FURTHER STEPS, WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE A VISIT TO BRUSSELS
BY LTC. MARTIN TO MEET WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF REPRES-
ENTATIVES. WE AT USNATO WOULD, OF COURSE, WELCOME THE
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH MARTIN AT ANY TIME ON A BILA-
TERAL USSPANISH BASIS. BUT IT IS TOO SOON TO PUT
HIM IN TOUCH WITH NATO AUTHORITIES AT THIS POINT, WE
BELIEVE. STREATOR

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